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AFTER THE FEBRUARY 6 MEETING OF THE FRENCH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN LECAT MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:
BEGIN QUOTE:

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT ON THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES M JOBERT, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WILL REPRESENT FRANCE AT THE CONFERENCE ON ENERGY PROBLEMS WHICH WILL BE HELD AT WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 11. THE PARTICIPATION OF OUR COUNTRY AT THIS MEETING RESPONDS, IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERATIONS OF COURTESY, TO THE DESIRE TO PERMIT EUROPE TO TAKE A COMMON POSITION. WHILE FRANCE IS DISPOSED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF ENERGY PROBLEMS, IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE ITS ADHERENCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORGANIZATION OF OIL CONSUMING INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, INDEPENDENT FROM OTHER CONSUMING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

IT CONSIDERS, IN FACT, THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO DEVELOPE A DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES WITHOUT DISTINCTION AND FOR THAT, SPEAKS OUT IN FAVOR OF ALL BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL CONTACTS AT ALL LEVELS, FOR EXAMPLE, BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ARAB COUNTRIES.

IT IS IN THIS PERSPECTIVE THAT FRANCE PROPOSED THE HOLDING UNDER UN AUSPICES OF A CONFERENCE, THE OBJECT OF WHICH, MOREOVER, AS HAS JUST BEEN PROPOSED BY ALGERIA, COULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL THE PROBLEMS POSED BY THE PRODUCTION AND EXCHANGE OF RAW MATERIALS.

THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT, FINALLY, BE INTERPRETED AS IMPLYING FRENCH AGREEMENT TO THE CREATION OF AN ORGANIZATION INSTITUTIONALIZING ALL THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN A CERTAIN NUMBER OF LARGE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES.
END QUOTE.IRWIN

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